

sugar industry, except for the refinery owned plantation, will possibly close.

A cap on raw sugar prices is contrary to the basic principles of the free market. Rather than allowing free competition in the domestic sugar industry, raw sugar price caps shackles the market with price controls to favor the user, without cost benefit to the consumer. I can't imagine this Congress knowingly voting for price controls at the grower level, but not at the refined sugar level. It makes no sense at all. A price cap on raw sugar is a death sentence against America's sugar growers and defies market principles espoused by all members of the majority party. I strongly urge my colleagues to vote against the bill.

QUEENS LIBRARY CELEBRATES 100
YEARS OF SERVICE TO RESIDENTS

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Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of the oldest and most remarkable

residents of my district. This constituent has lived in Queens for 100 years and has tirelessly given to many communities in the borough, reaching out to young and old of all faiths and ethnic groups. This constituent speaks dozens of languages, knows ancient history, understands the cultures of the world, and surfs the Internet.

This constituent of mine is the Queens Borough Public Library, which recently celebrated its centennial. Last month it marked 100 years of growth in size and services. It now boasts a central library and 62 branches within walking distance of almost the entire population of Queens, the highest circulation per capita of any public library, and more than 18,000 free cultural and educational programs each year.

After 100 years of growth and success, one could justifiably say that the library has hit its targets, it has made its mark, and it can rest on its laurels. The library has no such intentions. In the coming months, the library will open its new Asian center at the Flushing branch, a unique facility servicing the heart of the Asian community east of the Mississippi River; expand its highly popular and successfully latchkey and homework assistance pro-

grams that currently helps 35,000 children a year; and complete the networking of its branches with the main library to make even more resources available via computers to the community at large.

The Queens Library is simply an amazing place. Last year, it developed a special exhibit on Lewis Lattimer, an African-American inventor and engineer who worked with Edison on developing the electric light. It also displayed the oldest books printed with metal moveable type, brought all the way from Korea. It set up a database of community services for Queens residents, and even won the annual dragon boat race.

Mr. Speaker, I bring the library to our attention today with the utmost pride in its accomplishments. I congratulate the library on its century of service, and look forward to its second hundred years with great anticipation.